# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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☐ Good Faith Estimate	\$72.79	\$234.00	\$166.89	\$444.36 of Conference Services
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(Revised 1/3/11)

(Date)

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# EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

<u>Pre-Travel Filing Instructions</u>: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the <u>Select Committee on Ethics</u> in <u>SH-220</u>. Incomplete and late travel submissions will <u>not</u> be considered or approved. This form <u>must</u> be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler:	
Employing Office/Committee:	Office Of Senator McCain
Private Sponsor(s) (list all): The Aspen Ins	stitute (Socrates Program)
April 20-22, 2018 Travel date(s):	
Note: If you plan to extend the trip for	or any reason you <u>must</u> notify the Committee.
Destination(s): Queenstown, MD	
•	ed to the traveler's official or representational duties:
me to understand the role of Congress and colla	pondents, I am responsible for advising the Senator on legislation. My duties require aborate with Congressional colleagues in a bipartisan way. This course will allow and its role in the nation's governance, and how to be an effective bipartisan leader.
Name of accompanying family member (if ar Relationship to Employee:	
I certify that the information contained in this $4/16/18$ (Date)	form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:    Signature of Employee
TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENA Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Mino Senator John McCain	Jonathan Pacheco
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)	hereby authorize
related expenses for travel to the event describ	accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and bed above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or herer, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for
of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box)	the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation  []  []  []  []  []  []  []  []  []  [
4/16/18	
(Date)	(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Jonathan Pacheco

(Revised 10/19/15)



Cordell Carter, II

**Executive Director** 

Socrates Program

Mr. Jonathan Pacheco
Office of Senator John McCain
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Pacheco:

I would like to invite you to participate in a seminar program as a part of the Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar Series. This seminar, "Leadership and the Role of Congress," is designed for the educational benefit of a bipartisan, bicameral group of congressional staff focusing on the foundations of Congress and its role in the nation's governance. The seminar will be held at the Aspen Institute Wye Campus located in Queenstown, Maryland from April 20-22, 2018.

We have assembled two outstanding moderators to lead the seminar: Ron Christie, former policy advisor to Vice President Cheney and Special Assistant to President George W. Bush, and Basil Smikle, a Senior Advisor and former Executive Director of the New York State Democratic Party. Seminar discussions are text-based, all reflecting on the role of governance, leadership, and "the good society."

This seminar is designed for congressional staffers, by invitation only. In a diverse country like the U.S., it is imperative that future governance leaders are being nurtured, trained and mentored to fill and succeed in senior congressional staff roles. The Emerging Governance Leaders series convenes an inclusive cohort of congressional staffers to engage in values-based discussion for personal and professional leadership development. We will provide you with the required forms and documentation for filing with the House/Senate Ethics Committee. Our purpose is education, not advocacy.

Participants should plan to depart from Capitol Hill at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and the program will end at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Socrates Program will provide a shuttle from Capitol Hill to Wye on Friday, and returning on Sunday. Should you accept the invitation, it is required that you participate through the duration of the seminar. Your lodging and meals will be paid by the Aspen Institute Socrates Program. Under the ethics rules, no expenses are cover for entertainment or recreation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Socrates Program Deputy Director Luis Renta at 202-736-3550. I hope you will be able to join us for this exciting seminar.

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Washington, DC 20037-1133

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www.aspeninstitute.org

Sincerely,

Cordell Carter, II

Executive Director, Socrates Program

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

Spc	onsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): The Aspen Institute (Socrates Program)
Des	scription of the trip: The Aspen Institute (Socrates Program) is sponsoring a Socrates seminar for
	ior congressional staff to discuss the role of Congress in our democracy.
Dat	tes of travel: April 20-22, 2018
	ce of travel: Queenstown, MD
Naı	me and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached roster.
Ιcε	ertify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
X	(A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal <u>and</u> do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal <u>and</u> no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
	(B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain of employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
X	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  -AND-
X	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked direct or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
I ce	ertify that:
X	The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for <i>de minimis</i> lobbyist involvement.  AND
X	The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign princi except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9)

9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)  I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a					
	foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:					
	(A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.					
	(B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).					
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.					
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)  If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:					
11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.					
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:					
	The Aspen Institute's Socrates Program is the sole sponsor of this seminar and is solely responsible for					
	the development and execution of this convening. (See continued response.)					
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13.	Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:					
	The Aspen Institute is an educational and policy studies non-partisan, non-profit organization whose					
	' mission is to foster leadership based on enduring values and provide a non-partisan forum for the					
	exchange of ideas. (See continued response.)					
14.	Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:					
	The Aspen Institute has a nearly forty year history of conducting non-partisan educational forums, which					
	often include Members of Congress and congressional staff. The Socrates Program has been conducting					
	seminars - Senate Socrates - for eight years.					

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	and conferences for a diverse range of attendees including federal and state policymakers, business and							
organization leaders, members of the press and the general public. (See continued response.)								
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	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses				
Good Faith estimate  Actual Amounts	\$78.00 for bus	\$234.00 for two nights (\$117.00 per night)	\$172.50	\$336.00 conference room fees (includes meeting facilities, set up/take down cleaning), reading copyrights, and moderator fee				
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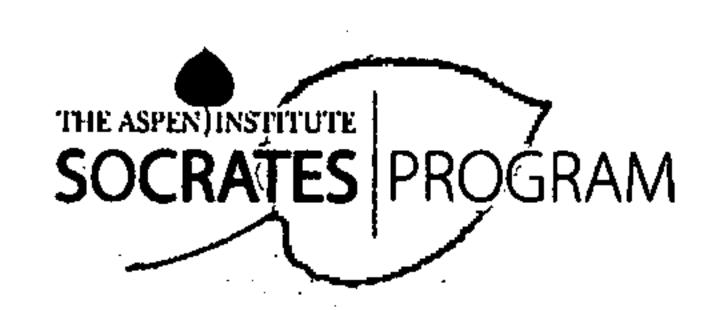
21.	Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:  Rooms are \$117/day, which reflects the per diem limit.  Meals are \$69.00/day, which reflects the per diem limit.					
22.	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:					
	Transportation will be provided by bus to and from the conference center.					
23.	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).					
24.	List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:  None					
25.	I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you must include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):  Signature of Travel Sponsor:  Midfun					
	Name and Title: Elliot Gerson, Executive Vice President, Policy & Public Programs					
	Name of Organization: The Aspen Institute					
	Address: 2300 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20037					
	Telephone Number: 202-736-5859					
	Fax Number: 202-467-0790					
	E-mail Address: lisa.jones@aspeninstitute.org					

Appendix to Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, Aspen Institute Socrates Program for the Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar, April 20-22, 2018

Question 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip (response continued) – The Aspen Institute received general funding from the Democracy Fund to support the Socrates Program. The funding was not earmarked for this trip. Democracy Fund did not play a role in organizing or planning the conference, including, but not limited to the content, agenda, moderators, attendees or other logistics.

Questions 13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to the mission (response continued) —The Socrates Program seeks to provide a forum for emerging leaders from various professions to convene and explore contemporary issues through expert-moderated dialogue. The purpose of the trip is to conduct a non-partisan educational seminar on leadership and the role of Congress that encourages off-the-record, candid exchanges of ideas to support staffers' learning and development.

Question 15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips) (response continued) - Socrates Program organizes seminars every year bringing together a diverse group of professional to explore issues, discuss current topics and encourage dialogue and exchange of ideas.



## #5. Name and titles of Senate invitees:

Mr. L.J. Chavis Fellow

Office of Senator Ben Sasse

Ms. Hannah Griffith
Staff Assistant
Office of Senator Marco Rubio

Mr. David Daniels
Staff Assistant
Office of Luther Strange

Mr. Francisco Bencosme Legislative and Research Assistant, Minority Senate Foreign Relations

Mr. Lorenzo Rubalcava Legislative Aide Office of Senator Stabenow

Mr. Andres Hoyos
Agriculture Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Maggie Hassan

Ms. Emily Benavides

Press Secretary

Office of Senator Rob Portman

Mr. Julius Niyonsaba Legislative Aide Office of Senator Dick Durbin

Mr. Grant Barbosa Legislative Assistant Office of Senator Kamala Harris

Mr. Anton Castaneda Legislative Correspondent Office of Senator Tim Scott

Mr. Jonathan Pacheco Legislative Correspondent Office of Senator John McCain

Mr. Alexandra Davis
Foreign Policy Legislative Fellow
Office of Senator Chris Coons

Ms. Chaffon Davis
Deputy Press Secretary
Office of Senator Tim Scott

Ms. Natalia Diez Riggin Legislative Assistant Office of Senator Mike Enzi

Ms. Caitlin Soto
Oversight Counsel
Senate Finance Committee



# Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar

Leadership & the Role of Congress

Moderators: Basil Smikle and Ron Christie

## Seminar Weekend Schedule

April 20-22, 2018
Aspen Institute Wye River Campus
Queenstown, Maryland
Seminar Location: Houghton House (HH)

# Friday, April 20th

5:00 p.m.

Shuttle departure from Capitol Hill

6:45 p.m.

Shuttles arrives at Aspen Institute Wye River Campus

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Seminar Check-In & Registration

Houghton House

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

## Socrates Opening Dinner and Program

"Responsible Governance and Your Role in Congress"

A conversation addressing norms of governance, hyperpartisanship, political polarization, and the experiences of Congressional staffers. Featuring **Betsy Wright Hawkings**, Democracy Fund Governance Initiative Program Director, and **Jean Parvin Bordewich**, Hewlett Foundation Madison Initiative

Program Officer.

Moderated by Cordell Carter, Socrates Program Director

Houghton House Dining Room

# Saturday, April 21st

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

Houghton House Dining Room

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### Seminar Session I: Learning to Lead

Seminar discussion based on the following texts:

- Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, selection
- Mencius, Human Nature, selection
- Simone de Beauvior, *The Second Sex*, selections



Martin Luther King, Jr., "Letter from Birmingham City Jail"

Chimanmanda Adichie, "The Danger of a Single Story"

Houghton House Main Conference Room

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Morning Break

Houghton House Break Room

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Working Lunch with Discussion of Seminar Session I

Conversation will consider the tenets of leadership established during session I, and how classic and contemporary texts consider effective leadership.

Houghton House Dining Room

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

# Seminar Session II: Foundations in Systems of Governance

Seminar discussion based on the following texts:

- Aristotle, *Politics*, Book I, Chapters 1-7
  - Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Prince*, Chapters 1, 8, 15, 17, 18, 21, 23
  - Ursula K. Le Guin, "The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas," 1973
  - John Gramlich, "How Countries Around the World View Democracy, Military Rule and Other Political Systems," Pew Research, October 20, 2017
  - "The Common Law and Civil Law Traditions," The Robbins Religious and Civil Law Collection, University of California at Berkley
  - Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America, 1835, selection
  - Federalist Paper No. 10, "The Union as a Safeguard Against Domestic Faction and Insurrection," 1787
  - Federalist Paper No. 51, "The Structure of the Government Must Furnish the Proper Checks and Balances Between the Different Departments," 1788
  - Anti-Federalist No. 3, "New Constitution Creates a National Government; Will Not Abate Foreign Influence; Dangers of Civil War and Despotism," 1787-1790
  - Federalist Paper No. 69, "The Real Character of the Executive,"
     1788
  - Federalist Paper No. 73, "The Provision for the Support of the Executive, and the Veto Power," 1788

Houghton House Main Conference Room

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Afternoon Break

Houghton House Break Room

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Historical Tour of Wye



The Aspen Institute Wye campus is a site imbued with historical moments in American political discourse and policy decisions – from early days as the home of William Paca, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the third governor of Maryland, to more recent moments as the site for negotiations between Israel and the Palestine Authority resulting in the Wye River Memorandum. This historical tour will connect the history and discussions of the seminar to place and embody the rich history of American discourse and governing in Washington and beyond.

Wye Campus

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

## Working Dinner with Discussion of Seminar Session II

Conversation will consider the historical impact of the U.S. Constitution compared to established governance systems. Houghton House Dining Room

8:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

#### Fireside Chat

"Life & Lessons in Congress"

A conversation with William Hoagland, Bipartisan Policy Center Senior Vice President, , and Joseph Minarik, Committee for Economic Development Senior Vice president and Director of Research. Moderated by Cordell Carter, Socrates Program Director Houghton House Library

# Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

Houghton House Dining Room

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

# Seminar Session III: The Role of Congress & Our American Democracy

Seminar discussion based on the following texts:

- U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 1
- U.S. Constitution, Article II, Section 2
- Abigail Geiger and John Gramlich, "The Changing Face of Congress in 5 Charts," Pew Research Center, February 2, 2017
- Emily Yankowitz, "Pacificus/Helividius Letters," Mount Vernon Digital Encyclopedia
- Alexander Hamilton, "Pacificus No. 1," 1793
- James Madison, "Letters of Helvidius, No. 1," 1793
- Chicago Tribune Editorial Board, "Downsize the Imperial Presidency," *The Chicago Tribune*, November 15, 2016
- Joe McGinniss, The Selling of the President 1968, 1970, selection

Houghton House Main Conference Room



10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Morning Break

Houghton House Break Room

12:00 p.m.

Check-out

Program concludes after Seminar Session III

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Working Lunch with Discussion of Seminar Session III

Conversation will consider the Articles 1 and 2 of the Constitution, and how foundations of the U.S. government inform and influence

the role of Congress today.

Houghton House Dining Room

1:00 p.m.

Shuttle departs for Capitol Hill



# Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar: Leadership & The Role of Congress

# April 20-22, 2018 Queenstown, Maryland

Article 1 Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution states, "All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives." The creation of this legislative body marked a significant departure from past governance systems and the start of the "American experiment." 230 years later, how do the foundations of the U.S. government inform and influence the role of Congress today — and the responsibilities and expectations of those who serve within? In this seminar, we will examine classic and modern texts on leadership, the creation of the American democracy, and the role of Congress.

## **Moderators**

### **Basil Smikle**



Teachers College at Columbia University concentrating in Education and Politics, he is also an adjunct lecturer at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs.

Recognized as a staunch advocate for public service and education equity, he is part of the next generation of thinkers and policy advocates. Basil was featured in the L.A. Times as "Harlem's New Political Elite" and gained national attention for his reforms in education and government. A profile in the Wall Street Journal led to a feature in a New York Magazine cover story on the next generation of African American leaders. The New York Daily News called Basil a "fresh thinking...school reformer". The New York Post "enthusiastically" said "New York needs such vibrant leadership". As a senior aide to Hillary Rodham Clinton during her first campaign for Senate and later on her Senate staff. Mrs. Clinton called Basil a "key advisor and tremendous public servant...who makes sure all voices are heard" A life-long New Yorker and raised in the Bronx by Jamaican immigrants, Basil graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University in Industrial and Labor Relations and received a Master of Public Administration degree from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.

#### Ron Christie



Ron Christie, founder and President of Christie Strategies LLC, is a veteran senior advisor of both the White House and the Congress, brings years of government relations and media experience. Previously, Christie served as Vice President of Navigators Global LLC - a strategic consulting and communications firm. He previously served as Executive Vice President and Director of Global Government Affairs at Ruder Finn and Of Counsel at the Washington D.C. law firm Patton Boggs, LLP. From 2002 to 2004, he was Acting Director of USA Freedom Corps

and special assistant to President George W. Bush. He began service at the White House in 2001 as deputy assistant to Vice President Cheney for domestic policy, advising the Vice President on policy initiatives in healthcare, budget, tax and other policy areas.

Prior to joining the Vice President's staff, he briefly served as counsel to U.S. Senator George Allen (R-VA). He previously served as a senior advisor to former House Budget Committee Chairman and current Ohio Governor John Kasich from 1992-1999.

Christie served as a Resident Fellow at the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University for the Fall 2011 term. He was appointed as an Adjunct Professor at the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University in 2014. He also teaches The Business of Lobbying at Georgetown's McDonough School of Business. He was appointed last year to the advisory board of the Georgetown University Institute of Politics. http://bit.ly/1IXe680

Additionally he has also served as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Haverford College as well as an adjunct professor at The George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management and was a visiting assistant professor of Political Science at Haverford College in 2009 and 2011. He has also served as a guest lecturer at University of Virginia's Center for Politics.

His first book *Black in the White House* was published on January 3, 2006 by Thomas Nelson/Nelson Current Books. His next book, *Acting White: The Curious History of a Racial Slur*, was published by St. Martin's Press/Thomas Dunne Books on October 12, 2010.

Christie published his third book entitled Blackwards: How Black Leadership is Returning America to the Days of Separate But Equal (St. Martin's Press/Thomas Dunne Books) on September 4, 2012. This provocative title examines whether in the euphoria surrounding Barack Obama's historic election America ushered in a new "Post-Racial" era or whether black leaders worked against this goal by pursuing an agenda of separatism and special rights that harms, rather than brings us together as American citizens.

A frequent commentator on current political events, his recent op-ed in the New York Times may be found here. http://nyti.ms/2cyi6I6. A knowledgable voice on American politics, Christie served as a political commentator for BBC Worldwide Television for their global 2012 election night coverage. He reprised this role to cover the 2014 midterm election coverage for BBC and will do so for the 2016 presidential election. He has appeared as a political/legal analyst on The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer, On the Record with Greta Van Sustern, Real Time with Bill

Maher, Lou Dobbs Tonight, Hardball with Chris Matthews, Fox News Sunday, Hannity, The O'Reilly Factor and the Tavis Smiley Show.

A native of Palo Alto, California, he received his B.A. from Haverford College and his J.D. from the George Washington University National Law Center. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington D.C., The Prevent Cancer Foundation and the American Conservative Union.

SAG-AFTRA eligible as a background actor, you can catch Christie in the 2015 seasons of *House of Cards* and *VEEP*. He was commissioned as a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels in 2011.